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INFLUENZA BAN IS TAKEN OFF

Churches and Movies Open After Having Been Closed for Several Weeks.

SITUATION NOT VERY SERIOUS

Health Officer Asks that People of City be Vaccinated as Precautionary Measure.

The health department of the city is determined to stamp out the influenza epidemic in this city and has taken steps to vaccinate every one in the city or requests that they wear a "flu" mask when attending public gatherings.

Along with this announcement comes another, that the ban which has been on in this city for some weeks is lifted, and that church services, movie shows, dances, and other public gatherings may again be held. The ban against public gatherings as a result of the influenza epidemic has hit the movie shows of the city harder than any other business, but they have abided by the ban as cheerfully as possible.

The vaccination used in combating influenza has been used in some of the army camps with a marked success and in Flint where it was used, it gained a wide favor. This treatment is now prescribed by the United States army and consists of three injections of the influenza vaccine. The three injections immunize a person to the disease.

The order of the health department states that it is prepared to administer the inoculation free of charge to those desirous of taking it. For this purpose the department has arranged to give these treatments at the city hall between the hours of 11:00 a. m. and 1:00 p. m. and from 7:00 until 8:00 p. m. until further notice.

Following the taking of the third inoculation such persons will receive a card from the health department which will permit them to attend any public gathering without wearing a "flu" mask.

Those who fail to take the treatment are requested by the department to wear a mask when in public gatherings until such time as the present epidemic abates.

BASKET BALL

Indications Bright for Winning Team at Alma College.

That the basketball fans will see some fine games in the great winter sport this year, is made evident by the great amount of material which is out for the Alma college court quintet, everything pointing to the fact that Harry Helmer, the Alma college mentor, will turn out a crack five this year.

Whether or not Helmer will turn out a championship team again this year, is a question that can only be decided as the schedule is played out, but those who have watched the candidates for the five are firm in the belief that the college will be represented by a team at least as strong as the one that Alma turned out last year, which held down one corner of a triple tie for the intercollegiate championship.

Like Alma, nearly all of the other colleges have lost heavily in basketball material, and it is improbable that these schools have all picked up the class of material that will give them crack fives again this year.

Among the men who look very promising are Richards and Tapp of Detroit, Anderson of Breckenridge, the only veteran of last year's title team; Moore of Saginaw, who was brought into a few games here last year, but failed to win a letter; Campbell, Davis and Stauffer of Alma high; Bill Richards of Sandusky, Quinn of Kalamazoo, Crittenden of Howell and Dunlap, a lad who hails from New Jersey.

A long schedule is being arranged for the five, which will start with the Mt. Pleasant Normals at Mt. Pleasant early in December.

Extra time is being given for basketball practice, due to the shortening of the hours for military drill, which gives the men nearly an hour more time for practice, except on Wednesday night, than they have had at any time before this year.

CHANGE REGULATIONS

Because they are no longer required for the public safety, all regulations regarding explosives have been revoked, and licenses need not now be secured. It is also stated that the regulations regarding platform, etc., have been revoked, according to a letter received by William M. Rogers, who has charge of the licensing here.

"VICTORY BOYS"

The lads who aid in backing up the fighters of the country with their funds are known as the "Victory Boys," and the lads of Gratiot county have as a whole proven very loyal and have earned this title. Many of them have each pledged \$5.00 to the Seven-in-One campaign of the Michigan Patriotic fund.

NEWSPAPERS HIT

Many Publications Forced Out of Business During 1917.

The Republican Publicity Association, through its president, Hon. Jonathan Bourne, Jr., today gave out the following statement from its Washington Headquarters:

"No other business has been hit harder by the war than the newspaper business, particularly in the smaller cities and country towns. The large metropolitan papers have probably suffered least. During 1917, more than 1200 publications went out of business. After making allowance for new papers started, it appears that there was a net loss of 62 dailies and 569 weeklies.

"The mortality statistics for 1918 will probably show a great loss, for the shortage of paper, the increased cost of all kinds of supplies, and the higher wages together with the heavy call upon newspaper men for military service, have been more severe this year than last.

"And one of the serious features of the situation is that the people of the country probably do not realize that the most valuable portion of the press has sustained the greatest loss. Under popular government the country press, including not only country weeklies, but the smaller dailies, is the real voice of the people. Editors of large metropolitan papers do not have and cannot have the close touch with the people that is necessary incident of the life of the country editor.

CARPENTER FACES

A PERJURY CHARGE

Portland Man Alleged to Have Secured a Marriage License by Misrepresentation.

Lewis A. Carpenter, a young man who hails from Portland, Iowa county, is alleged to have desired greatly to get married, wanted to get married so badly that he is alleged to have endeavored to make the age of his beloved one, Sezzina Rocks, appear to be more than it was, and as a result he is facing a charge of perjury, and his trial will come up at the next term of circuit court.

It seems that Carpenter is said to have represented that the young girl, now said to be only sixteen years of age, was living in this county, and it is also said that he had a woman present, to assure those interested, that she was the mother of the girl, and that the girl was of age, and very kindly and considerably she gave her consent to a marriage. Forthwith they succeeded in getting a license and were married, the marriage taking place October 29.

Of late it has been alleged that Mr. Carpenter, who wanted to get married so badly, had misrepresented the age of the young lady whom he desired to marry, and then things began to get warm for Mr. Carpenter.

Saturday he was arrested on a charge of perjury in wrongly stating the age of the young lady in question in securing the license.

Monday he was taken before Justice Myers of Ithaca for examination, which he waived, and was then bound over to circuit court for trial, under \$1,000 bail, which was furnished.

ATHLETES AID COUNTRY

Attention has been called to the fact that a former Alma college man and famed as a football and baseball star, Dan Duncan, a lieutenant and graduate of Plattsburg h s been a bayonet instructor at Camp McArthur, Texas, and is now stationed at Camp Gordon.

"Sandy" Duncan, the greatest hurler that Alma college ever sent out on a baseball field to win a game, rented a farm near Mt. Pleasant and faithfully tilled the soil to hold up his end of the great game for democracy. The results of his work in backing up his brothers, for he has two more in the service, consisted of 800 bushels of potatoes, 285 bushels of beans, 324 bushels of rye and other crops in proportion. Aside from the planting "Sandy" did all of the work himself.

The other two Duncans are Angus, who is a member of the engineers in the Canadian army and Dugli of the U. S. army, who is stationed at Fort Sill, Okla.

Many local people know members of this family, which has been holding up its end in the war, four of them having attended Alma college. Mrs. M. Duncan, the mother of these lads, is now living in Ann Arbor.

WORK IS STARTED

Workmen have been busy for over a week excavating for the foundation walls for the pumping station which is being erected opposite the Washington school on East Superior street. On Tuesday of this week the work of laying the concrete foundation was started, and it is the intention of the city engineer to rush the work to completion just as quickly as possible, and the pumps installed, so that the pure water from the wells may be in use at the earliest possible moment.

Smoke the best, Wanigas.—64-17

Victory Bread best by taste.—69-4c

NOTED EDUCATOR DIED ON TUESDAY

Henry R. Pattengill of Lansing, Former Gratiot Teacher, is Dead.

EDITED A WEEKLY PAPER

Candidate for Governor in 1914, Running for Office on the Progressive Ticket.

Henry R. Pattengill of Lansing, one of the best known educators in the state, superintendent of public instruction from 1892 to 1896, and Progressive candidate for governor of Michigan in 1914, died at his home in that city Tuesday following an illness of three weeks. He was 66 years of age.

Following his graduation from the University of Michigan in 1874, he came to Gratiot county and for a number of years taught school in the county. This was the beginning of an educational career, which has made him widely known in every state in the union, due to his intensive activities in the work in later years, the foundations of which were for the greater part laid in this section of the state, being enlarged and broadened later, as his contact with world affairs became greater.

A large number of the pupils who attended school when H. R. Pattengill was an instructor in the county, are still living here and have assumed prominent places in the community. Of late years they have been holding a Pattengill reunion each year, at which he has been present. The last one was held in the summer, at the home of Jotham Allen. This was the last time Mr. Pattengill was in the city.

In 1885 he went to Lansing, where he started a weekly paper, "Moderator Topics," which has since had an extensive circulation among teachers. He continued as editor of this publication to the time of his death.

After serving as superintendent of public instruction he served on the state board of library commissioners and as a member of the pioneer and historical commission.

A staunch follower of Roosevelt, he joined the Progressive party in 1912, and in 1914 was a candidate for governor. Two years later he was back in the Republican ranks and made many speeches for Hughes.

GIVE LETTERS

Members of High School Football Team Given Letters Tuesday.

Tuesday morning at a special chapel exercise, the members of the Alma high school football team of 1918 were presented with the football "A," as a reward for their work during the season.

Thirteen letters were awarded to the members of the team, and in addition to these six "R's" were presented to members of the second team, who have been out consistently, thus aiding the first team greatly in its work.

Some well rendered musical selections were given at the exercises, which were well greeted by the high school students.

The letters to the members of the team were presented by Harry Helmer, Alma college mentor, who has been aiding Coach Maxwell of the high school this fall. The football letter was awarded to the following men: W. Pembroke, Stearns, Blank, Creech, Dunham, Cross, E. Pembroke, Notestein, Neal, Gallagher, M. Hopkins, Murphy and Bishop. The R was presented to Welch, Wine, Pembroke, P. Hopkins, Moore and Mirrilak.

Expectations are high for a good team at the high school next year, as not over four men of these given letters will be lost to the squad next year.

Considerable credit is given to Floyd Maxwell for the team this year. It was due to him alone, that a football team was started, he giving his time to aid the young lads, doing his best, although acknowledging that he was not a football coach. Mr. Helmer also deserves some credit for the work of the eleven late in the season.

It is understood that the Athenaeum society of the high school, expects to banquet the football team at no distant date.

RE-ELECT H. C. CARTER

By an overwhelming vote H. C. Carter was re-elected president of the Circle club to serve for the next six months. George Ogden was chosen to serve another term as vice president and H. L. White will succeed W. E. Maun as secretary-treasurer.

The regular banquet of the club was held Thursday evening in the restaurant. There were covers for forty. Two motion picture films were shown.

C. J. O'Brien, F. L. Mitchell, Rollette Borowman, Ralph King, Stanley Rae, H. J. Lohman, C. C. Grubb, N. DeKruyter, A. A. Patterson, L. E. Martin and G. P. (Doc) Harmon, were elected new members of the club.

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COMMITTED SUICIDE

George Myers, Resident of City for Years, Found Monday Morning.

George Myers, aged about sixty years, who has been living alone in his house on Pleasant avenue, was found dead there Monday morning, very evidently having committed suicide.

When the officers arrived at the home they found the body on a couch where he had evidently laid when he ended his life. A revolver, lying on the floor nearby told plainly how the end had come. Three cartridges had been in the revolver, which when picked up was found to contain one empty shell and two unused cartridges. Myers had shot himself through the mouth.

Relatives of the dead man were notified and they arrived very soon after the body was discovered. The funeral of the dead man was held Wednesday afternoon and interment was made in Riverside cemetery.

CANNOT PREVENT THE PROPOSED ADDITION

Letter from Railroad Commission to Mayor King Explains the Reason.

Indications now point to the fact that the city will not get much aid from the State Railroad commission, in its efforts to keep the Pere Marquette and Ann Arbor railroads from constructing an addition to the east end of the passenger station for the American Railway Express company, as the combined concerns are known.

A letter from the commission, in reply to one sent by Mayor Francis King, regarding the proposed addition, and the sanitary conditions at the station, seems to indicate this at least, and also indicates that the commission has every intention of seeing that the railroads keep the station in a sanitary condition.

The reply of the commission calls attention to the fact that the proposed addition to the depot is to be constructed on property owned by the railroad, and that the commission hence has no power to tell the railroads, what they may or may not construct in this respect. The letter does not take up the matter of a new depot in any way, failing to mention this subject.

Attention is called to the fact that recently the commission ordered the railroads to look into the sanitary conditions at the depot, and that they were reported by the late agent, Mr. Berryman, to be in a sanitary condition.

RE-ADJUSTMENT

Change from War to Peace Basis to be Gradual.

B. M. Baruch, chairman of the War Industries Board, authorizes the following:

For some time to come—the period to be determined by the war-making agencies of the Government—government contracts must continue on a wide scale. This circumstance applies to a considerable share of present contracts.

As the demand for raw materials is lessened and the cancellation of war contracts, and the raw materials made available will be released and allocated by the War Industries Board, for use in supplying civilian and export demands, which through curtailment have been held in check during the war. In addition to the ordinary commercial requirements there will be a heavy flow of materials thus released to supply the demand for the great reconstructional work required by the European countries.

At the same time, there is to be a gradual lifting of the restrictions and curtailments that have been imposed upon industry by the exigency of the war so as to allow, as promptly as possible free flow of all supplies into the peace channels.

The War Industries Board will continue to exercise its functions until the peace treaty is signed, to the end that the readjustment of the matters on which it has been acting may be made in as orderly a manner as possible.

A committee named by the President has been and is now at work to devise the best mechanism for bringing about the adjustment from a war to a peace basis. The report of the committee may take the form of suggested legislation.

The whole effect of the readjustment will be to the end of bringing about the necessary changes with as little dislocation as possible and the full opportunity for all to benefit as in the past by individual ingenuity, vision, and fair-dealing.

TAKE OFF RESTRICTIONS

It was announced by the Michigan War Preparedness board the latter part of last week that the Federal War Industries board had removed all building restrictions, this action coming within a few days after the board had partially lifted the building ban, by allowing the construction of buildings up to \$10,000 without a permit.

It is now possible to construct any building without making application for permission to build.

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S. A. T. C. WILL BE DEMOBILIZED

Order Received Yesterday to Bring College Training to End in December.

ALL COLLEGES ARE AFFECTED

Need of Student's Army Training Corps Ceased with Signing of Armistice.

Coming like a bolt from the clear sky, totally unexpected, was a telegram received here early Wednesday morning to the effect that the Students' Army Training corps at the various American colleges was to be demobilized.

The information to this effect was given to The Record yesterday by Lieutenant Cruise, assistant to Lieutenant Robinson, who has had charge of the training at both Alma college and the Mt. Pleasant Normal. It was as much of a surprise to him as to the college authorities.

It is expected that the corps at Alma and at the other institutions will be demobilized on Wednesday, December 4, but as yet there is no great degree of certainty in regard to this date. It is probable, however, that this date has been selected for the general demobilization of the 200,000 men of the United States in the S. A. T. C. of the various universities and colleges.

There had been, previous to this time, every indication that the S. A. T. C. would be continued throughout the entire college year, telegrams since the signing of the armistice leading to this conclusion with the exception of one in the nature of an inquiry. This one inquired how many men would leave college in case the S. A. T. C. was discontinued, and was received only a few days ago. This message of inquiry was the only thing which might have given an idea that the S. A. T. C. was to be abolished before the close of the college year.

What effect this will have on the attendance at Alma college is rather problematical at this time, and it is questionable if the full effect on the attendance will be known before next week.

LEAVE COUNTY

Pioneer Residents of County Leave For New Home in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Salter, pioneer residents of Gratiot county left the latter part of last week for Florida, where they expect to make their future home.

Mr. Salter has been prominent in politics in the county for years, and was a staunch Republican. He served two terms as county clerk, having been elected to this office in 1886 and 1888; serving as circuit court commissioner for several terms, and as county industrial agent. At the time of his leaving Ithaca, he was serving that community as a justice of the peace.

NOT UNDER QUARANTINE

As is usual in cases of this kind many wild and exaggerated stories are circulated by irresponsible, about the condition of sickness now prevalent in Alma. In order to reassure hundreds of timid people and at the same time inform all as to the true condition now existing, we are giving the following information from the board of health:

Tuesday noon, November 26, 1918, there were fifty-six cases of influenza in its various forms, reported in Alma. None of these are serious, several have been reported as cured by the attending physician and are only awaiting the lifting of quarantine and many are in very mild form. To date there have been a total of six deaths attributed to the disease.

The above information is authoritative and should set at rest the stories about six to fifteen deaths a day, five hundred cases in town and many other pure fabrications.

No Cause for Panic

Spanish influenza, it is agreed by authorities, is La Grippe, the same disease that has been epidemic for centuries. The mortality from this disease alone is very low, about one death out of four hundred cases, the danger lies in complications, the patient's lowered resistance making him easy prey for pneumonia and bronchitis, which he is unable to throw off.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

The engagement of Miss Margaret G. Tubbs, daughter of Mrs. Seth Tubbs of Lansing, to Sergeant Francis M. Shaefer of that city has been announced. Miss Tubbs will be remembered as a former Alma young lady.

OBTAINS GOOD POSITION

Milton Jackson has obtained the position of chief chemist in the works of the Wright-Martin Aircraft Corporation of New Brunswick, N. J. This is a very responsible position and affords a splendid chance for acquiring a wide professional experience.

UNIQUE RESCUE

Alma Boy Catches Baby as It Falls From Moving Train.

Lyle, the ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Smith of this city, stepped into the spotlight last Friday with one of the most out of the ordinary rescue stunts ever pulled off in this vicinity.

According to reports the lad was returning from the taking of a music lesson, when the chance came to him to perform the stunt, which required some remarkably quick thinking on the part of the young lad.

He had reached the corner of West Center and Lincoln, as the passenger train was going by, after it had left the station. The lad while waiting for the train to go by, noticed a baby on the rear observation platform, which was reaching over the rail around the platform, it having got up in the buggy in which it was placed.

Just as the back end of the train was passing the lad, the baby overbalanced, falling from the platform. Instantly the lad let go of his violin case, stretched forth his hands, and caught the baby. The force of the falling body was such that it bent the lad over almost to the ground, but the baby was held securely in his arms and was uninjured.

The train was quickly brought to a stop and backed up to the point where the baby fell, and the mother was overjoyed to find that the youngster was uninjured. She took the name of the Smith lad, after asking him a few questions and said that she would return and see him. She did not give her name.

NUMBER OF DEATHS

DURING THE WEEK

Old Residents Among Those Who Passed Away During the Week.

During the past week death has taken several residents of this city, some of whom have lived here for a number of years, and two who had lived to an advanced age.

Mrs. Wilhelmina Hantz, 212 South Court street, passed away Saturday at the age of 92 years, death being due to old age. She had been a resident of Alma for some years. The funeral was held Sunday and interment was made in Riverside cemetery.

Miss Jennie Marston, aged 26 years, a nurse at Brainerd hospital, died Thursday, after an illness with la grippe. The body was shipped to Blanchard for burial Saturday.

Mildred Boathy died at the age of 27 years on Friday, November 29, following an illness of pneumonia. The body was shipped to Six Lakes for burial.

William E. Chambers died Friday at the hospital here following a severe illness. He was 23 years of age at the time of his death. The body was shipped to Rantoul, Illinois, on Saturday morning for burial.

Alvin E. Brown, residing on West Superior street, died Saturday of cancer of the stomach, being 68 years of age at the time of his death. The funeral was held from the late home on Monday afternoon and interment was made in Riverside cemetery.

Harry See, aged 19 years, died Friday morning following an attack of influenza. He had been a resident of this city for some little time and had gained a host of friends in Alma. The funeral was held from the home on Saturday afternoon, Rev. Priest officiating, and interment was made in Riverside cemetery. Harry See was a brother-in-law of William E. Chambers who died the same day at Brainerd hospital.

THE NIGHT SCHOOL

The night school conducted at the high school during the past month, started with an enrollment of 40, but due to many causes the enrollment has materially decreased during the past week. It is the desire of the school authorities to maintain the evening sessions and urge those who started, to continue the work. At the present time new adjustments can be made in the arrangement of courses. Classes in English, French, bookkeeping, shorthand and typewriting will be organized for new students. An advanced shorthand class will be organized, if there is sufficient demand. Sessions are held Monday and Friday evenings of each week from 7:00 to 9:30. Tuition \$2.80 a month.

PATRIOTIC YOUNGSTERS

That the pupils and teachers of our public schools have been alert as to the necessity of supporting the government in the recent war work activities, is indicated in the amount of thrift stamps purchased and money pledged in the present United War Work campaign. Up to November 18, the pupils had purchased \$4,416 worth of Thrift stamps and had pledged \$1,470 for the United War Work.

VACATION EXTENDED

The annual Thanksgiving vacation of the Alma public schools has been extended from Monday, December 2 to Monday, December 9. Every student is requested to be present when school opens on that day, so that the class work may not be delayed in the least.

ALMA IS SHORT ON HER QUOTA

City is \$1,000 Behind Amount Set On United War Work Campaign.

WANT MORE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Entire County Still Lags and More Funds are Being Sought in All Precincts.

At no time since our national Thanksgiving day was adopted have Americans had more to be thankful for than this year. So much has already been said as to the cause for such gratitude that nothing further on that phase of the matter need here be added. The question may quite justly be asked, however, "Are we or are we not arranging to give evidence that our thanksgiving is sincere by expressing it in action?"

In the recent United War Work campaign, concerning which all must now be informed, Alma was requested to raise \$15,000.00. In doing so the opportunity was afforded our city of making that last provision for our boys in service which would express our gratitude for what they have done. To give them in these days of comparative freedom of the strain, the comfort of the Y. M. C. A., K. of C., Salvation Army and like organizations, is not only to show our appreciation of the services they have rendered, but to do that which is even more necessary for their protection from evil than it was before.

The serious side of the inquiry appears in that Alma thus far has not only not met her quota but has fallen some \$1,000.00 short. This, too, in spite of the fact that added to the voluntary giving of last week, a systematic solicitation has been conducted this week.

At the present time the solicitation is practically over and every citizen must face facts and put the question to himself, "Is Alma going to fail?" On this day of general Thanksgiving what shall we say?

There is just one way in which failure can now be prevented and that is by the action of every true-souled citizen. A final call for gifts is herewith made. Everyone, whether he has already subscribed or not, is asked to heed the appeal. Those who have given already are urged to give at least thirty per cent more and those who by inaction are putting themselves on the slender list are urged to seize this final chance to avoid that name.

Subscriptions will be received by the ward chairman, Rev. J. W. Priest, 1st ward; S. L. Bennett, 2nd ward; Alfred Smith, 3rd ward; and L. A. Sharp, 4th ward. They will also be received at either bank.

It was stated yesterday from the county chairman's office that the entire county was still behind on its quota for the United War Work campaign, but the exact amount is not known as many of the precincts are not yet reported their totals.

Gra L. Smith, county chairman, gave out the following amounts yesterday, which had been reported from some of the cities and townships:

Alma	\$10,400.00
St. Louis	2,197.75
Ithaca	3,750.00
Newark	1,217.31
Emerson	2,500.34
Elba, south	1,137.36
Lafayette	1,618.96
New Haven	1,507.84
North Star	1,633.21
Hamilton	747.06
Bethany	9,67.00

It has been stated that the campaign will be continued in the county until the quota assigned to Gratiot has been made, and solicitors are preparing to continue their work in some portions of the county, and in others the residents are being asked to volunteer.

REPUBLIC SHOWS FILMS

The first pictures with the company's new projection machine, purchased for the entertainment and education of employees, were shown Monday noon in the restaurant. Several reels picturing scenes on the battle front in France were shown under the auspices of the United War Works campaign.

A first-class screen has been put in but so far the light has not been successfully excluded in order to get the best results from the films thrown on the screen. The pictures appear blurred and not clearly defined. This is being remedied.

Two films from the L. A. Starratt company, toolmakers, and two reels showing the growth and process of preparing cotton for the markets were screened last week.

Enough films will be brought to the plant each week for two or three days. They will be shown between twelve and one o'clock.

GETS EQUIPMENT

The Student Army Training Corps at Alma college has received its equipment, and the members are now wearing their uniforms, and drilling with their own guns. The guns are some that were at one time intended for the Russian government.